State Of Alaska 1 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING 3 4 5 BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS 6 7 **Minutes of Meeting** 8 August 9-10, 2018 9 By the authority of AS. 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 10 44.64, Article 6, a scheduled board meeting was held at 550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1270, 11 Anchorage, AK. 12 13 Thursday, August 9, 2018 14 15 Agenda Item 1 - Call to order and Roll call 16 Board Chair Al Levy called the meeting to order at 9:01am. 17 18 Those present constituting a quorum of the Board: 19 Al Levy, Psychological Associate 20 Joel Wieman, Psychologist 21 Suzanne Dutson, Public Member 22 23 In attendance from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic 24 Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were: 25 26 Rissa Teske, Licensing Examiner Autumn Roark, Investigator 27 Sara Chambers, Deputy Director via telephone 28 29 Members of the public in attendance: 30 Jana Zeedyk, Alaska Psychological Association via telephone 31 32 Agenda Item 2 - Review & Approve Agenda 33 <u>Agenda Item 2 - Review & Approve Agenda</u>
The board reviews the draft agenda of the meeting. 34 35 UPON A MOTION MADE BY SUZANNE DUTSON; SECONDED BY JOEL WIEMAN 36 37 AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, IT WAS RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS 38 WRITTEN. Agenda Item 3 - Ethics Report 39 There are no ethics disclosures from the board. Board Member Dutson states that she 40 has a question about paid leave, a topic she says she had previously discussed with 41 Chair Levy. Chair Levy advises her to direct her question to Shalome (Cederberg) with 42 Boards and Commissions, who is in the building today and Board Member Dutson 43 44 would be able speak with her in her office. Chair Levy asks Board Member Dutson to share what information she gets from Shalome about paid leave with the rest of the 45 board. 46 47 Agenda Item 4 - Review & Approve Meeting Minutes 48 The board reviews the draft minutes of the May 2018 board meeting and the July 2018 49 50 special teleconference; the board notes spelling errors and grammatical corrections.

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Board Member Dutson expresses concern about the security of the executive session recordings. Licensing Examiner Teske assured her that the recordings were stored securely.

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While the board is waiting for Dr. Jana Zeedyk with the Alaska Psychological Association (AKPA), to arrive for the next agenda item, they review applications to make best use of their time.

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<u> Agenda Item 5 - Alaska Psychological Association with Dr. Jana Zeedyk</u> Dr. Zeedyk discusses that AKPA is in the process of trying to develop updated licensing law(s) that would meet the contemporary requirements for practice in the state. She shares that AKPA does not have a big pre-conceived idea of what that will look like; however, AKPA is preparing a comparison of the ASPPB's (Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards) suggested model licensing act and APA's (American Psychological Association) suggested model licensing act addressing various components of practice. She states that they will collaborate with members of AKPA and any other licensed psychologist and psychological associate covered by the act who are not part of AKPA, to involve and address any practice concerns. She states that the one point AKPA is interested in, is the dialog about the EPPP2 be considered the gateway for independent practice which would eliminate the need for a post-doc (post-doctoral experience) before people could practice independently. She states that this is the one issue AKPA would really like to hear a lot of dialog on to make sure they are representing their membership. She states that the EPPP2 eliminating the postdoctoral experience requirement could potentially have benefits for our rural state and rural communities. She shares that AKPA will start the dialog at their annual meeting in September and everyone who is a licensed psychologist or psychological associate is invited to participate. Board Member Wieman would like clarification and asks if Dr. Zeedyk is saying that if you pass the EPPP2 that you won't need to do a post-doc? Dr. Zeedyk confirms that is what she's saying and states this is an APA suggestion; once someone takes the EPPP2 it would be considered the minimum bar to practice independently. Board Member Wieman points out that the EPPP2 hasn't been implemented yet and there was tremendous pushback at the last ASPPB meeting in regard to the EPPP2. Chair Levy invites Dr. Zeedyk to attend the meeting tomorrow at 11:00 am for the discussion with Sheila Young from ASPPB regarding the EPPP2. Dr. Zeedyk does agree that there are many moving pieces for the EPPP2, at another time she can bring information about other states who have deleted the requirement for a post-doc. Chair Levy summarizes that what he's hearing is that AKPA has an interest in seeing that the current licensing statutes and regulations be reviewed and updated to keep pace with the current practice nationwide. Dr. Zeedyk confirms that this is a fair summary of what she is saying, she then invites all board members to the meeting on September 8th. Chair Levy requests that AKPA send the board a summary of what

transpired in the September meeting and to follow up with another agenda item on 103 104 this topic so they could keep the conversation going. He also suggests that AKPA send a representative to the ASPPB annual meeting in October to get direct updates on all of 105 the ongoing ASPPB issues. Chair Levy then states that when it comes to the Licensing 106 107 Board and AKPA engaging in something where their mutual interests overlap, he would 108 like to encourage the use of the words "cooperation" and "communicate". He 109 discourages the use of the word "collaboration" as it then begins to look like they are crossing a line between being a regulatory board and being too closely involved with 110 the guild. He adds that good boundaries are needed so there is no misperception, and 111 there needs to be an independence of what the guild does and what the Licensing 112 Board does. 113

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Break at 10:01 am Return at 10:15 am

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UPON A MOTION MADE BY SUZANNE DUTSON; SECONDED BY JOEL WIEMAN AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, IT WAS RESOLVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO USE THE NEXT 15 MINUTES FOR APPLICATION REVIEW UNTIL THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM AT 10:30 AM TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE BOARD'S TIME.

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The board reviewed of applications for licensure until the next agenda item.

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Agenda Item 6 - Investigative Report

Investigator Autumn Roark, reviews the investigative report with the board. For the period of May 5, 2018, through July 16, 2018, the division opened three (3) matters and closed four (4) matters; the program has zero (0) matters ongoing and/or under active investigation at this time. Investigator Roark discusses with the board what an "incomplete complaint" means on the report she provided. She states that an incomplete complaint is when someone does not return the complaint packet within the 30 day time period and the case is then closed. However; there is no statute of limitations and if the complaint packet does get submitted they can reopen the case.

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Agenda Item 7 - Division Update

Deputy Director of the Division Sara Chambers joins the meeting via teleconference to provide the division update. There is no new fiscal report to review so Deputy Director Chambers discusses travel restriction details with the board. Chair Levy discusses how important it is that the board gets authorization for travel above and beyond what has been typically approved due to the amount of new board members and the amount of information that one is expected to bring back from these conferences. Deputy Director Chambers advises that the Board and the Licensing Examiner work together to put the need for travel in writing and articulate specific business reasons for each traveler's need to attend. She also recommended that backup documentation be provided, such as the agenda, to go along with specific descriptions of who will attend which parts of the meeting. A strong case must be made for sending multiple people, so it must be shown that one person can't attend all desired parts of the conference. She also wanted to make sure that the Board understands that saying "yes" to a travel request may mean saying "no" to another. Ways to offset costs to the state is also good information to include in the travel request, such as 3rd party reimbursement. Board Member Wieman says he is willing to pay for his plane ticket (to the ASPPB meeting in October) if the state will cover the cost of the conference and the lodging.

as a show of commitment and how important the conference is. Chair Levy states that

he will work with Licensing Examiner Teske to put together a request for Board

157 Members Wieman and Dutson to get authorization to attend the October ASPPB

meeting in Salt Lake City.

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160 Agenda Item 8 - Application Review

The board continued the review of applications for licensure. (5 applications)

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RACHEL WOODS - PSYCHOLOGIST BY EXAM TEMPORARY LICENSE

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Agenda Item 10 - Public Comment

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Agenda Item 11 - Exam Scoring

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Chair Levy summarizes the work that was accomplished today during the meeting, the board reviewed and approved 5 applicants, graded 3 tests, and they discovered a problem and brought it to the attention of the Division. Chair Levy points out that they have done good work today under difficult circumstances as they are working with reduced numbers.

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The board recessed at 2:28 pm until 9:00 am Friday, August 10, 2018.

207 208 FRIDAY, August 10, 2018 209 210 Board Chair Al Levy called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. 211 212 Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board: 213 214 Al Levy, Psychological Associate 215 Joel Wieman, Psychologist Suzanne Dutson, Public Member 216 217 In attendance from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic 218 Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were: 219 220 Rissa Teske, Licensing Examiner 221 222 Members of the public in attendance: eza para este allega i energina en el depinat per dela la este del 223 Cathy von Hippel via telephone 224 Jana Zeedyk in person, AKPA Sheila Young, Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards via telephone 225 226 No changes to the agenda at this time. 227 228 229 Agenda Item 15 - Correspondence The board reads and discusses with Cathy von Hippel her response to the questions 230 231 the board had for her after the May meeting regarding post-doctoral supervision via a telepsychology practice. Dr. von Hippel states that things have changed a bit since she 232 233 has written her response on May 23, 2018. She states that she has secured an office in 234 Anchorage so there would be fact-to-face services provided; she is in Anchorage about 235 25% of the time and her partner Patrick Dulin is there 100% of the time. She states that 236 50% of the supervision she provides to their post-doc (who has not been named) would be distant and 100% of the supervision from Dr. Dulin would be in person. Dr. von 237 Hippel would be considered the primary supervisor, and Dr. Dulin would be 238 239 considered the secondary supervisor. Board Member Wieman wants to make sure that 240 he's understanding and he reiterates that the bulk of the supervision provided by Dr. 241 von Hippel would be test analysis and reporting psychological testing evaluations with children, and the therapeutic side would be under a different supervisor who was 242 available 100% of the time. Dr. von Hippel confirms that is correct. Board Member 243 244 Wieman asks if there is an emergency then the local supervisor would be available to 245 handle that? Dr. von Hippel says that is correct. She adds that the supervisee was 246 their psych intern for almost two years and one year of that was traveling back and forth to Anchorage. She states that they have already worked together in the way that 247

248 is being proposed, but now instead of paper and pencil kits they can now do electronic testing and Dr. von Hippel can watch and record everything the post-doc administers 249 250 and watch it in real time or review it later with her. She points out that the potential 251 for supervision is vastly improved with technology. Board Member Dutson asks if the Pearson product has improved their security measures so there are no longer issues. 252 Dr. von Hippel answers yes, that everything is HIPPA compliant and also encrypted. 253 254 Board Member Dutson asks if there is 24 hour tech support for the software. Dr. von 255 Hippel states that it may take up to 24 hours for her to get an answer when she calls 256 tech support but there is always someone available. All Board Members state that they

are is satisfied with the answers from Dr. von Hippel and Chair Levy says that he sees no issue in approving her proposal, he suggests that she and Dr. Dulin put together a

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259 detailed letter and attach it as an addendum to a request for alternate supervision 260 plan. Dr. von Hippel asks what the minimum number of hours is that the board would like her to be seeing people physically face-to-face as opposed to videoconferencing. 261 262 Chair Levy states that is not a concern of the boards, rather the concern was about the 263 availability of face-to-face supervision. Dr. von Hippel states that she has consulted 264 with APA (American Psychological Association) and done everything she can to make 265 this new practice ethically robust and HIPPA compliant, she asks the board if there is 266 anything that they see that she can improve on. Chair Levy says that at the moment no, and asks her if she doesn't mind, to forward her materials that guided her work 267 268 from APA or other sources. Dr. von Hippel says that she will forward information to 269 Licensing Examiner Teske to distribute to the board.

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After the phone call with Dr. von Hippel, Chair Levy states that the application for this supervisee can be done by a mail vote.

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Agenda Item 17 - Old Business

Board Member Dutson has prepared a PowerPoint presentation on PSYPact and the screening tool she is developing. She shares with the board this is not a completed project, and her intent is that the PowerPoint presentation that she is showing them today will be the presentation that they bring when they discuss PSYPact with the legislature. Chair Levy suggests that this presentation would be a good training tool for our new board members at the November meeting to help bring them up to speed on PSYPact. Board Member Dutson shares that she hopes to have the presentation and screening tool completed by the November meeting so that the board can review it, approve it, and then bring it to the legislature in January. After this discussion, Board Member Dutson goes through the slides in her PowerPoint presentation for the board. Chair Levy and Board Member Wieman give her feedback on her presentation. Chair Levy asks Board Member Dutson to send the next draft of her presentation and screening tool to Alex Siegel with ASPPB and get his feedback on it. Chair Levy says that he will reach out to Alex by email and introduce Board Member Dutson as the point of contact on PSYPact, as he is an excellent resource to have for this. Chair Levy says the plan going forward is at the next meeting under Old Business, they will take a look at the next draft of Board Member Dutson's PSYPact presentation. He states again that he wants to spend more time on it as a training opportunity for the new board members. When looking at the draft of Board Member Dutson's screening tool, Chair Levy suggests that when she puts the tool into document form that she include a map of Alaska near the top of the page so that the first question can ask the applicant to identify and locate the region of the proposed client on the map. He also suggests that there be a series of questions regarding access factors and isolation factors so that the person taking on a client in Alaska can have an idea of the risk factors. Chair Levy also suggests including the following questions: What is the tribal or cultural affiliation of the client? And what is your familiarity with this particular culture? He adds that a scale can be included as "0 - No familiarity" to "5 - Very well versed on the history/culture/traditions of this particular cultural group". Board Member Dutson states that she is glad Chair Levy has brought this up as she wants make sure that if we included a series of questions regarding cultural familiarity that it's done in a way that isn't going to imply to the providers and the Alaska population that the board was trying to dissuade people from providing services to a high risk population. Chair Levy states that the title of that section of questions would be "Cultural Competence of the Provider" and states that it's an issue of cultural competence. Board Member Wieman suggest that it could prefaced with a sentence that says Alaska has "x" number of different cultural groups and is the most diverse state in the nation. The

board briefly discusses the work that Board Member Dutson has already done on this project, Chair Levy states that she has done an excellent job so far and the rest of the board will work to improve on what she's done.

Chair Levy states that he will send an email to Sarah Angstman to ask for a draft of the Supervised Practice Plan form that we can use as a starting point.

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Chair Levy brings up two pieces of Old Business that aren't on the agenda; two legislation projects that the board has in mind: background checks and licensing status updates. Chair Levy asks Licensing Examiner Teske to send a letter to the other metal health boards stating that the Psychology Board is interested in pursuing legislation on background checks for any applicant for a mental health license and the board also wants to create licensing categories that allow for honorable license retirement. Licensing Examiner Teske states that some of the other mental health boards already have background check legislation in place. Chair Levy asks that she finds out what boards those are and if they already have background checks would they be supportive of those actions and also the licensing status legislation. He adds that we should let them know they would be welcome to sit in on a meeting or call in if they have something they would like to say about it.

UPON A MOTION MADE BY JOEL WIEMAN; SECONDED BY SUZANNE DUTSON AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, IT WAS RESOLVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO MOVE THE BOARD ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS FROM 1:00 PM TO 10:10 AM TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE BOARD'S TIME.

Agenda Item 20 - Board Administrative Business

Licensing Examiner Teske shared that there is one courtesy licenses to report on. The board reviewed her report and agreed that it was sufficient.

The board discussed upcoming meeting dates:

-November 8-9, 2018, in Anchorage

-January 31- February 1, 2019, in Juneau

The board discussed upcoming ASPPB meeting dates:

-October 17-21, 2018 Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Attendees: Joel Wieman and Suzanne Dutson. Board Member Wieman stated that he is willing to pay for his own airline ticket for this conference.

- April 8-14, 2019 Midyear Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Attendees: Al Levy and one or two new board members.

Chair Levy signs the final meeting minutes for May 2018 and July 2018 special teleconference.

The board signs certificates of appreciation for Sarah Angstman and Paul Dukarm for their time on the board.

There is a very brief discussion about the Alaska telepsychology website and what to think about for the next meeting.

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<u> Agenda Item 18 - New Business</u>

Sheila Young from ASPPB is on the phone to check in with the board and see if there is anything the board needs and to answer any questions about the process of implementing the EPPP2 exam. Chair Levy states that it is his understanding that our regulations allow the board to have the authority to accept any exam that is administered. Sheila discusses the EPPP2 test and the process for developing and implementing the test in all jurisdictions. Chair Levy states that this isn't so much a regulation change as it is a procedural change and asks if ASPPB has been in touch with the University of Alaska or Alaska Pacific University. Sheila states that there has been staff that has been going to all of the training organizations. Chair Levy states that Alaska has a master's level psychology license that has full independent practice, and that some folks when they are in their PhD program they apply for the masters level license. They then are working on their PhD internship and getting their supervised experience for their master's level license. This means they have already passed the EPPP to get their masters level license, and with this new procedure they would also have to take and pass the new EPPP2. Chair Levy asks if this would be a problem. Sheila says that she can't think of how it would be a problem. There is a discussion about what a psychological associate can do as a scope of practice. Chair Levy introduces Dr. Jana Zeedyk of AKPA, who is present at the meeting, and gives her a chance for questions and comments. Dr. Zeedyk briefly summarizes the ideas that AKPA has for the EPPP2. Chair Levy states that the Board may set up another conversation with ASPPB about this same topic at its next Board meeting to help get our new board members up to speed. Sheila says she would be happy to speak again with the Board.

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Dr. Zeedyk leaves the meeting after the teleconference call with Sheila Young.

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Chair Levy briefly summarizes the work that has been accomplished during the meeting. Board Member Wieman brings up what Deputy Direct Chambers discussed and individual board members submit a written statement about why they would like to go the ASPPB meeting. That written statement can be given to Licensing Examiner Teske. Chair Levy states that he will be sending a request for travel to the ASPPB October meeting as well.

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UPON A MOTION MADE BY SUZANNE DUTSON; SECONDED BY JOEL WIEMAN AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, IT WAS RESOLVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

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Chair Levy adjourned the meeting at 11:22 am Off the record at 11:22 am

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Respectfully Submitted:

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Rissa Teske, Licenting Examiner

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Board Chair, Al Levy

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